

Survey Says Students Oppose Parochiaid

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — The nation's youth leaders are strongly opposed to parochiaid, according to a new survey of the 105,000 high school juniors and seniors listed in the 1971-72 Who's Who Among American High School Students. The students, selected by school principals and clergymen for their "demonstrated leadership" in academics and community service, oppose public subsidies for parochial and private schools by a margin of 57% to 38%.

This level of opposition is roughly the same as that of adults, as registered in opinion polls and referendum elections. Tax aid for parochial and private schools was defeated on November 7, 1972 in referendum elections in Maryland, Oregon, and Idaho, and in 1970 in referendum elections in Michigan and Nebraska by 57% to 43%.

Opinion polls have shown similar opposition to tax aid for parochial and private schools: Gallup - Catholic Digest (1960), 50% - 38%; A Study of the American Independent School (1969), 50% - 37%; Americans United Surveys (Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, 1970 - 71), 61% - 37%; Wisconsin Congressman William A. Steiger (1972), 62% - 38%.

On another controversial issue with church-state overtones, the students came out in favor of legalizing of abortion by a margin of 60% to 36%.

Of the students polled, 31% were Roman Catholic, although Catholics make up less than 25% of the U. S. population. Further, 20% of the students polled were from private or parochial schools, although only 10% of the nation's students attend such schools.

Home Board Begins High School Evangelism Effort

ATLANTA (BP) — Five recent college graduates have committed themselves to a three-year pilot program of high school evangelism called "Reach Out."

Developed by Barry St. Clair of the youth evangelism office at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, "Reach Out" will seek to train volunteer leadership to work through local churches to minister to high school students through a three-fold outreach.

The approach features: (1) a "touch" ministry" designed to establish contact with the school's students, teachers and administration; (2) a family disciplining ministry where small groups work together to reach Christian maturity; and (3) "Joy explosion," which will consist of youth revivals, crusades and mission action projects.

The first group of "Reach Out" staffers consists of Rod Minor of Birmingham, Ala., Tom Alford of Gadsden, Ala., both graduates of Samford University; Linda Harrington of Fort Pierce, Fla., a graduate of Florida Atlantic University; and Vicki Walker from Carrollton, Ga., a graduate of West Georgia College.

These four will work at First Baptist Church in Newnan, Ga., with youth director Ronney Davis.

Tom Lowry of Atlanta, a graduate of the University of Georgia, will work at Greenstreet Baptist Church in High Point, N. C., with youth director Jarrell Rial.

While St. Clair serves as advisor, supervisor and policy maker, the youth directors will cooperate unofficially as trainers of the "Reach Out" staff which expects to expand to 50 next year.

The first year of the three year program gives training in a church with a successful youth program.

During this year staffers raise their own salary of \$60 per week through sponsors at their home churches and

from participating churches. The Home Mission Board reimburses staffers for special expenses and materials.

The second year, "Reach Out" staffers will serve as paid staff members of a church wishing to develop a youth program.

The third year will be spent in that church training other "Reach Out" staffers to carry out a youth evangelism program.

Minor, working in Verona, Ga., said that he eats lunch in the local high school and makes himself available to talk to students then, before and after school several days each week.

He said that the administration is open to his ministry.

On Tuesday nights at Verona, Minor leads a Bible study program open to anyone. One night a week is "family disciplining" featuring prayer and fellowship for Christian growth for about 10 kids.

At Verona First Baptist Church, Minor teaches Sunday School in a department where classes are based on spiritual growth.

His class is for new Christians who learn the basics of Christian faith.

"Kids are tired of playing games — the days are gone where you could pass out the ping pong ball and open

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Brotherhood, HMB Unite For Lay Evangelism

MEMPHIS (BP) — Two Southern Baptist Convention agencies have joined forces to offer churches opportunities for spiritual experiences in lay renewal.

Terms of the arrangement call for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta to emphasize renewal evangelism, including a renewal evangelism weekend, and a continuing spiritual growth process.

Under the plan, the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission based here will specialize in lay witness missions as an initial renewal experience. Mission action projects will serve as the main avenue of response for persons who have been spiritually motivated.

The cooperative arrangement in lay renewal was announced jointly by Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the mission board in Atlanta, and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the commission in Memphis.

Details of the cooperative effort

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for Foreign Missions is "Ask of me and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession." (Psa. 2:8 RSV)

The Scripture Text for the 1973 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is "Ask of me and I will

The Southern Baptist Convention Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 3-10, is a total of \$18,000,000, while the Mississippi goal is \$1,000,000.

Southern Baptists Will Give The Biggest Christmas Gift

By Catherine Allen

Thousands of people will work on the gift. By the end of December it will be wrapped up for presentation. The givers will turn the gift over to an agency for final delivery.

The world's most expensive Christmas present is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Its value should be at least \$18,000,000.

The pattern for the gift will be designed December 3-10, the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

The donors are millions of Southern Baptists.

The recipients are 2,526 foreign missionaries and the people in 75 coun-

tries they are trying to reach.

Southern Baptist women gathered the first Christmas offering in 1888 at the suggestion of Lottie Moon, a missionary to China. Since that first highly successful attempt, the offering has come to be the source of almost half the financial support for Southern Baptist foreign missions.

and it has become treasured as the Southern Baptist way to celebrate Christmas.

Goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering this year is \$18,000,000. The offering will provide approximately 46 percent of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board 1973 budget.

For the last two years the offering

goal has been exceeded. Last year's offering overshot the previous year's by 9.9 percent — the largest percentage and dollar increase in the history of the offering. The total was \$17,388,810.

What is the secret of the offering's vitality? "Prayer," says Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, the organization which initiates the observance.

A week of concerted prayer has always accompanied the offering. December 3-10, hundreds of thousands of WMU members will meet daily to pray for specific needs expressed by missionaries. Families will pray together following a special prayer

guide their church WMUs will provide," she said.

"We will pray not only for money, but also for additional personnel, and that missionaries will be blessed with creativity, skill, patience, and faith," she continued. Miss Hunt said that the prayer emphasis will be based on Psalm 2:8: "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession."

Miss Hunt believes that pastors and other church organizations share with WMU the credit for interest in the foreign missions observance.

"The offering continues to grow because more church members are becoming involved in it," she said.

"Brotherhood is helping WMU make the Week of Prayer a churchwide project. Sunday School will stress foreign missions December 10. Pastors

will focus worship and prayer services on missions," Miss Hunt said.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, agreed with Miss Hunt's evaluation of the observance.

He said that prayer and study account for spiritual power of missionaries as well as for the generous offering.

Dr. Cauthen added that churches also get spiritual power from participation in the praying and giving.

"The offering strengthens churches at home and enables twice as much to be done in telling the good news to the world," he said.

State Conventions In 'Calmest' Sessions

By Jim Newton
For the Baptist Press

Thirty-two Baptist state conventions weathered their annual fall sessions, not only without any major storms, but with hardly a ripple on their placid surfaces.

It was the calmest fall of state conventions in the memory of most convention-watchers who reported the sessions for Baptist Press, news-service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

There were no great burning issues raging through the majority of the state conventions — no big debates on accepting federal aid for Baptist institutions, no hassles over such controversial matters as infallibility of the Bible or race relations.

In almost all the conventions, there appeared to be an unusual sense of unity, peace, and harmony, according to reports from the states.

Probably the most intense debate came at four conventions over the question of whether to restrict representation at the conventions to only messengers from churches which require baptism of all members by immersion in a Baptist church.

Nine states faced constitution revisions of some sort, or proposals for re-

structure of the state convention staff. Six dealt with the future of state Baptist institutions. Four proposed new pastor-church relations services for churchless pastors and pastor-less churches.

Resolutions adopted by the state conventions sounded like a broken record, replaying the same words and topics in state after state.

Fourteen states adopted resolutions opposing tax aid to parochial or pri-

THE CENTURYMEN TO SING ON NBC 1972 RADIO CHRISTMAS SHOW

FORT WORTH (BP) — The National Broadcasting Co. will broadcast a special Christmas program on its radio network Dec. 13, featuring the music of The Centurymen, composed of 100 ministers of music from Southern Baptist churches throughout the nation.

The program, "Voices of Christmas," will be carried on the radio network at 9:30 p. m. (Eastern Time), Dec. 13. It will be carried by about 225 NBC radio affiliates across the country. The Centurymen were organized by the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission here, and are directed by Buryl Red of New York City.

"While the Centurymen have made two NBC television network appearances, this is the first time they have sung on the radio network," said Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission. A highlight of the special holiday music show will be a new arrangement of "Angels We Have Heard On High," and "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

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Suits Sought For Pastors In Montana

Mississippi Baptist laymen and friends are being given an opportunity for the fifth year to provide the Baptist pastors of Montana with new suits for Christmas, according to T. Cooper Walton, of Jackson, treasurer and a member of the committee in charge of the project.

"Fifty suits are needed this year," Mr. Cooper said, adding that the project is being jointly sponsored by the Pioneer Missions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Rev. J. W. Brister, Gulfport, chairman and the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference, of which J. T. Gilbert of Jackson is president.

The Conference is related to the Convention through the Brotherhood Department, Rev. E. L. Howell, director.

Members of the Suit Committee of Pioneer Missions Committee are Rev. Brooks Lindsey, Hattiesburg, chairman; Dr. James Gooch, Columbus, and Mr. Walton.

Each suit will be a new one and will cost \$75.00, Mr. Walton said. He added that those wishing to give one or more suits or funds toward a suit should make out their checks or money orders to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, and mark "Suits for Montana Pastors."

Mr. Walton said that the suits are

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"New Dimensions" Sought For 1974 Youth Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "A congress of significance and a new dimension in world meetings" is John L. Carroll's forecast for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, scheduled for Portland, Ore., USA, in 1974.

Theo Patnaik, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, said that the Youth Administrative Committee has named Carroll as chairman of a special committee for planning of the basic program format. Carroll, of Valley Forge, Pa., USA, is director of the American Baptist Convention's ministry with youth.

Carroll's work began following a meeting of youth leaders during sessions of the Baptist World Alliance executive committee in Kingston, Jamaica in July. That meeting, attended by youth representatives from 14 member conventions in 10 countries, reviewed prior youth conferences and sought to determine ways of best meeting needs of the present day.

The conference theme will be "Christ — Our Challenge to Live."

Patnaik said that 6,000 young people from 60 countries are expected for the Portland conferences, July 31-August 4, 1974. An effort to give them the greatest possible exposure to each other's ideas and Christian experiences, will probably mean a continu-

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L. H. Cooke, Retired SBC Brotherhood Leader, Dies At 87

MEMPHIS (BP) — Lawson H. Cooke, retired executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here for 15 years, died Nov. 20 after a three-months illness. He was 87.

Cooke was executive secretary of the nation-wide organization of Baptist laymen from 1936-51. A former banker from Richmond, Cooke was the first general secretary of the Virginia state Chamber of Commerce.

Glendon McCullough, current executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, described him as a man who was "small in stature but took giant steps."

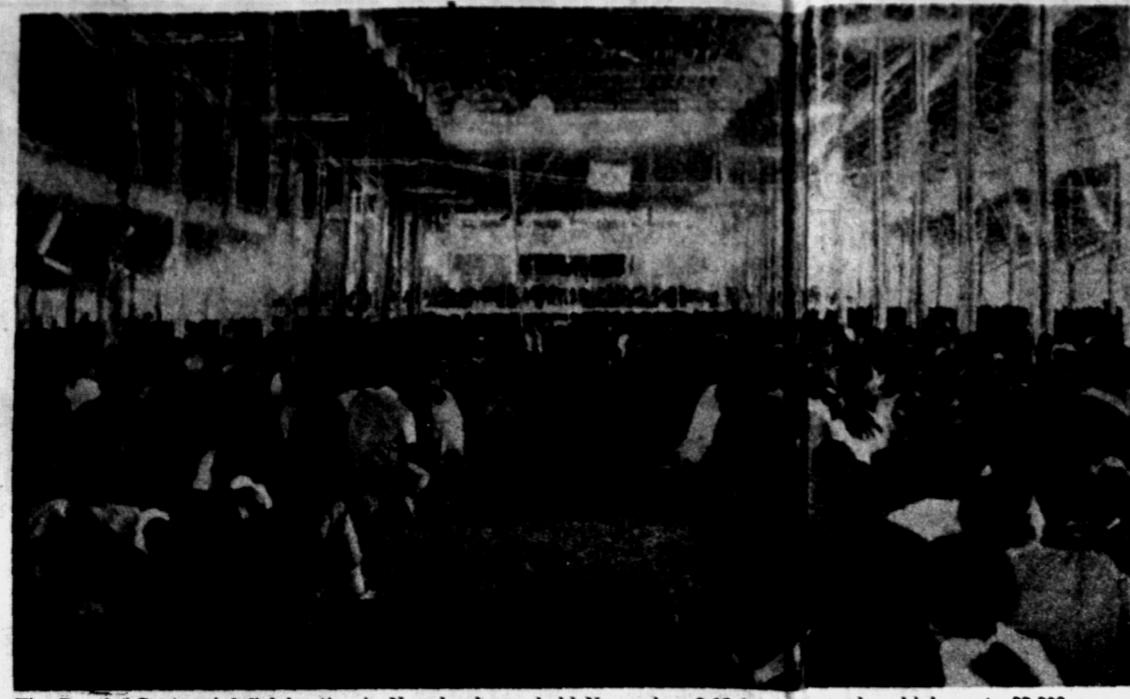
Funeral services were held Nov. 22 at First Baptist Church, Memphis. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Thomas B. Bussey of Fort Worth; a brother, Charles Porter Cooke of Richmond; and two grandsons.

Anis Shorosh Reports On Trip To India

Anis Shorosh, Arab Christian from Jordan, who now lives in Mobile, Alabama, but who went to school at both Clarke College and Mississippi College, and who is widely known in Mississippi, has just returned from India, where he participated in a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of Baptist work in the area of that nation called Nagaland.

Shorosh was one of twenty "foreigners" from outside India, who were given permission to attend and participate in the centennial. In the following story, Mr. Shorosh tells of the experience:

The fantastic opportunity in Nagaland, India which is in the northeastern part of India, bordering on China and Bangladesh, cannot be described adequately in words. Few outsiders have ever seen Nagaland without getting a special permit to go through Assam, its neighboring state. One must also have a Central Government permit. Due to the Baptist Centenary, twenty "foreigners" (that's what they called everyone outside of there) were allowed into Nagaland. The gigantic bamboo Tabernacle seated 33,000 people. The registered attendance of the five day ceremony was 51,000 people. The total attendance in all services was near 200,000. The singing of the 1,000 voice choir in every service, was most inspiring. They sang 13 songs from memory in English and their language, because 50% of them were illiterate. (That's why they had to learn them by heart). The reverence inside the gigantic tabernacle was unbelievable in spite of the three to four-hour long service. You can hardly believe that you were in India, seeing and hearing what you have seen and heard. Every town and village has a beautiful church building. Work by missionaries, Baptist missionaries, began in 1872 and they had to leave in 1956. Yet Baptists in Nagaland have grown phenomenally until 35% of the population claims Christianity now. Some came in their own native dress



The Baptist Centennial Celebration in Nagaland was held November 8-12 in a tabernacle which seats 33,000



Anis Shorosh, left, preaches in India, in an evangelical crusade in Nagpur. The man on the right is interpreting from English to Hindi.



Exterior view of the tabernacle in Nagaland where the Baptist Centennial Celebration was held.

Suits Sought For Montana

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badly needed and urged a generous response to this appeal.

He said that our pastors in Montana all operate on an extremely limited budget and these new suits provide an assurance, confidence and freedom in the pulpit that would not otherwise be possible.

A total of 289 suits have been provided the Montana pastors, the past four years.

The Montana Fellowship is a part of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, composed also of Wyoming, North and South Dakota, the area "adopted" by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board several years ago as its field of "over-and-above" pioneer mission work.

The Pioneer Missions Committee was adopted by Montana as the state has a new and exciting ministry.



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary Treasurer, (left) is seen personally giving the first check for a suit for the suit fund for Montana pastors to T. Cooper Walton, Jackson, treasurer and member of the Suit Committee of the Pioneer Missions Committee of the Convention. Looking on is Horace Kerr, Jackson, secretary of the Pioneer Missions Committee.

Ed Willingham, SBC, ABC Leader, Dies

NEW YORK (BP) — Edward B. Willingham, a prominent Baptist leader in both the Southern and American Baptist Conventions, died at St. Luke's Hospital here Nov. 16.

Willingham, the son of the late R.

J. Willingham who for 20 years was head of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, had served as general secretary of the American Baptist Foreign Missions Society from 1956-65.

Previously, he was pastor of National Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Northern Plains Opposes Tax Exemption Withdrawal

CASPER, Wyo. (BP) — The Northern Plains Baptist Convention, in a harmonious session here, adopted a resolution opposing any effort by Congress to take away tax exemptions for gifts to charitable institutions or church parsonages, or church-owned property used for the propagation of the gospel.

The resolution urged Baptists and concerned citizens to conduct a letter-writing campaign in opposition to such proposals. It did not mention by name, but obviously referred to a tax policy review bill proposed by Sen. Mike Mansfield and Sen. Wilbur Mills.

In major business, the convention adopted a budget of \$341,832, with 13 per cent of the state goal allocated to Southern Baptist world mission causes.

Ralph Ehren, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. D. was re-elected president.

Baptist Journal Asks Letter Drive Against TV 'Nausea'

DALLAS (RNS) — The Baptist Standard, in an editorial here, urged concerned people to start a letter-writing campaign that would protest the flood of "nausea" reportedly appearing on the three television networks.

Citing reports carried by Time and Newsweek magazines, the Southern Baptist publication said it may be time to create an "Award of Nausea" to be shared by the three television networks for "striking down the so-called 'old taboos.'"

Time magazine, it said, has reported that "TV has embarked on a new era of candor... programmers will actually be competing with each other to trace the largest number of touchy—and heretofore forbidden—ethnic, sexual, and psychological themes."

"Are Christians to be silent?" The Baptist standard asked. "Address your letter or card to the station in your area. Write another letter or card to the Federal Communication Commission, 1919 M St., Washington, D. C. 20554. Identify the offending program since the networks are not under FCC control.

"And, best of all, write the companies whose advertisers support the programs. Nothing upsets an advertiser more than to know he is creating a public which will ignore his product.

"Skip the church and class resolutions. A half dozen letters scrawled on brown paper will sound the alarm."

The Convention President Speaks

It is my intention and desire to have a column in the Baptist Record from time to time during my term as President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The purpose of such an endeavor is to promote certain projects and/or programs that merit the support of us all, to share opinions about matters where my position might give insight on them, to share observations of things that otherwise you would not have an opportunity to know about, and to seek to interpret actions of this Convention and those delegated to act for it in various capacities.

All of you know I am a pastor. As a result of serving my Lord in this role for approximately thirty years, I have developed two major concerns. One is a deep and abiding love for my fellow preachers. I know of no preacher I do not love. The other is the same kind of love and respect for the laity of the churches where I have served over the years. This love for my own membership is gone far beyond the boundaries of a church where I serve as pastor, to all the nooks and corners of this state and elsewhere.

This feeling toward my fellowman makes me want to do my best to make a good president of this Convention and serve the people of it to the maximum of my ability. I shall pray for you and solicit your prayers on my behalf. Then all of us working together will be able to accomplish great and mighty things for God.—David Grant

Guests At Presidential Breakfast Hear Paul's 'Social Action' Text

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — At the recent Presidential Christian Fraternal Prayer Breakfast, President Jose Figueres personally greeted each person present, including cabinet members, diplomatic personnel and business people. Guido Picado, a Baptist pastor, was among the guests.

After breakfast, the discussion centered on the topic of social action, and the president speaks of what his government is doing in this field.

As the noon hour approached, no prayer had been given, no scripture read, although Matthew 6:33 was printed on the program head, nor had the name of God been mentioned at this Christian prayer breakfast.

Picado, who is pastor of the Desamparados Baptist Church and evangel-

ism promoter for the Baptist convention in Costa Rica, stood and introduced himself. "We want you to know, he said, "that we Baptists are vitally interested in social action. We join efforts with you to help in this needy area."

"Would you permit me to read what a great man of years ago thought about social action and our attitudes toward it?" Then Picado opened his Bible and proceeded to read Chapter 13 of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

For several moments there was silence. Then the chairman declared: "Gentlemen, there is nothing more to be said. This challenge climaxes our discussion. We shall close with a word of prayer."



Pastor's Father Dies

Robert G. Dyess, father of Rev. Vance Dyess, who is pastor of Mountain Creek (Rankin) and member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died Sunday, November 26, at St. Dominic's Hospital, Jackson, after an extended illness. (Mr. Dyess' daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vance Dyess, has been an employee of the Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, for over five years.)

Funeral services were held at Dublin Baptist Church, Prentiss, Tuesday, November 28, at 10 a.m.

1882 Attend Five Music Festivals

Eighteen hundred eighty-two persons attended the series of Youth Choral Festivals held in the state on November 11 and sponsored by the Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director.

Fifty-seven different groups participated, with the number for each Festival as follows:

Tupelo, 8; Leland 2; Crystal Springs, 21; Wiggins 18, and Louisville 8.



Speaks In New Orleans

Dr. Landrum P. Leavell, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, and distinguished leader in the Southern Baptist Convention, is shown speaking at New Orleans Seminary, where he received his Th.D. degree in 1954. Dr. Leavell was in New Orleans for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, bringing the concluding message of the three-day session.

Cooperative Program Dollars At Work

During the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the above plaque was presented to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins and to all Mississippi Baptist churches, in appreciation of their support of missions throughout the world, through the Cooperative Program. The plaque was a gift from the Executive Committee, SBC, and the Stewardship Commission, SBC. It contains money collected by the Foreign Mission Board from many countries, including Ethiopia, Turkey, Japan, Laos, Mexico, Argentina, and Indonesia — representing Cooperative Program dollars at work all around the world.



The director and staff of Reach Out, a new ministry of the Home Mission Board to high school students, enter the board building in Atlanta to plan evangelism. Left to right are: Rod Minor; Barry St. Clair, director of youth evangelism at the Home Mission Board; Tom Alford; Linda Harrington; Tom Lowry; and Vicki Walker. (HMB photo by Knolan Benfield)

"New Dimensions"**Sought For 1974****Youth Conference**

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ation and strengthening of the emphasis on small group discussions which was begun at the Toronto conference in 1968. A training session for leaders will be set prior to the conference itself.

Karl-Heinz Walter of Hamburg, Germany, chairman of the Youth Committee, said that registration will be restricted to young people from 16 to 25 years of age, plus older adults who are directly engaged in youth leadership ministries.

Baptist families in the USA are being asked to invite the visiting youth to be their guests before and after the conference.

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were worked out by Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and James Johnson, director of the lay ministries department of the commission.

The two agencies plan to work together to provide churches with coordinators for lay renewal and in the training of these specialists.

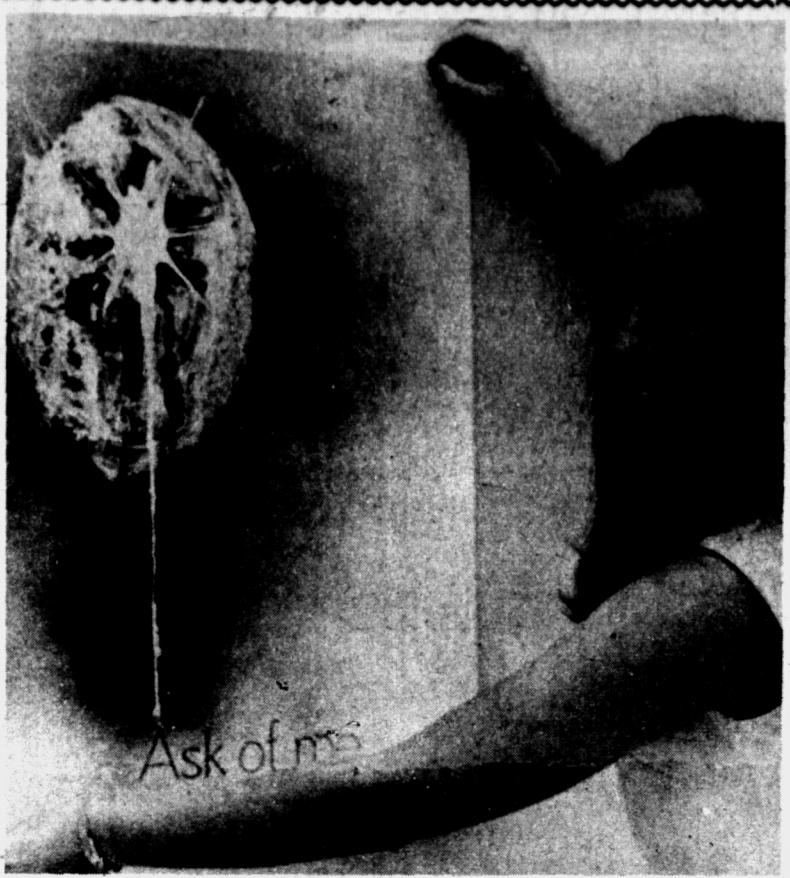
Under the plan, the commission will produce and distribute guidance materials on lay renewal experiences and opportunities to the churches on a regular basis.

In a memorandum on the cooperative effort, the agency leaders defined lay witness mission as a weekend renewal experience where a group of lay persons visit a church to share their faith in small and large group experiences.

Renewal evangelism was described as the process of intensive care given to a church which has had an initial renewal event. Through renewal evangelism, a church participates in an itinerary of activity designed to develop a life-style of evangelism. These activities run at least one year.

The agency leaders said their organizations will both respond to church leaders who inquire about renewal and will recommend an approach based upon the need of the inquirer.

ply to almost all of the 32 state Baptist bodies which met from Oct. 21 through Nov. 22.

**A Poster Is Born--**

The theme poster for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions can easily be duplicated by churches who want extra large replicas. Elaine Williamson, artist for Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, made the star design with blue spray paint and rubber cement. The rubber cement is dripped on paper in the star design. While the cement is drying, the paper is sprayed with blue. Then the dry cement is rubbed off, leaving the white star.

State Baptist Conventions In 'Calmest' Sessions

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constitutional solution on two proposed constitutional amendments requiring that only churches which practice baptism by immersion or messengers who have been immersed by seated at annual sessions. The two amendments, which threatened to divide the convention, were withdrawn and the convention instead reaffirmed its "believe in" baptism by immersion, but

Superintendents Of Missions Conduct Organization Meet

The associational superintendents of missions in the state met recently at the Hinds - Madison Associational office in Jackson and held an organizational meeting, with the officers listed in accompanying photo and cutlines.

The group adopted a constitution and by-laws and also a resolution which gives its purpose and relationship to the denomination. The resolution is as follows:

Whereas: The leadership from our Baptist Building has demonstrated a sincere interest in the ministry of the associations.

Whereas: Through the past year there has been a special concern for relating State Convention resources to the particular and peculiar needs of each association.

Whereas: The Convention Board leadership has been very responsive to the requests of associational officers for personal assistance,

Be It Resolved: That we, the Mississippi Conference of Superintendents of Missions, express publicly through the Baptist Record our sincere gratitude to the leadership and workers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and

Be It Further Resolved: That we acknowledge that any successes and progress enjoyed by the associations this year in ministry are in many respects due to the cooperative involvement of State Convention personnel in our local programs.



Officers elected by the associational superintendent of missions are, from left: Rev. J. C. Renfroe, (Rankin), song leader; Rev. Maurice Flowers, (Jones), secretary-treasurer; Rev. Glen Williams, (Covington-Jeff Davis), president; Leon Young, (Lauderdale), vice-president. Not shown is Rev. J. W. Brister, (Gulf Coast), pianist.

Dear Mr. Odle:

I am enclosing a poem that I wrote recently after having passed dozens of towns and villages in Mexico, many with no Christian testimony.

The thought came to me, as I drove along in my car, what if I had been born and reared in one of these places where there was no Christian witness? What if my parents, and my only two children (now in heaven), had lived there? With these thoughts in mind, I stopped by a lonely country road, in the twilight, overcome with emotion, and wrote the poem. I think that it was the moment when I understood the compassion of Jesus for the lost multitudes.

If you think that the message in the poem would help some of your readers to feel and express some of Christ's compassion, I will be glad for you to use the poem. As we approach the Lottie Moon World Mission Offering season, we trust that all of us will get a vision of the world's needs.

Your fellow-worker,
Orvil W. Reid
(Thirty-four years missionary to
Mexico)
Apartado 446
Tuxtla Gutierrez
Chiapas, Mexico.

In "Lottie Moon" Season -**A Prayer For An Overflowing Love**

Village after village, town after town,
And no one to tell of God's love!
Multitudes of people, both young and old—
Death coming like hawks on a dove!

Aged people, with one foot in the grave,
Precious young lives going to waste;
Bright-eyed children, born to be lost—
God, send your messengers with haste!

Lord, how can your people indifferent be,
With millions now in living death?
Our door of opportunity will close
When we, or they, draw our last breath.

You have the power you are anxious to give,
You've sent your Spirit from above;
And in our hands we have the Word of Life—
The only thing we lack is love!

Love can make heroes out of cringing cowards;
It makes Samsons out of the weak.
Love will make witnesses out of us all,
And send us out the lost to seek.

Love will make the tithe just a starting point;
And it will make the timid bold.
It will make men good stewards of their time,
And thaw out hearts that are ice-cold.

O Lord, I pray that you'll take this heart of mine,
And fill it with thy love divine.
May it's overflow daily bless mankind,
According to thy love's design!

—Orvil W. Reid,
(Missionary in Mexico since 1938)

did not set this as a requirement for membership.

In a similar respect, South Carolina defeated an amendment which would have rejected messengers from churches which accept members who have not been baptized by immersion, later reaffirming the "Statement on Baptist Faith and Message" position on baptism by immersion.

In both cases, the conventions expressed an opinion that immersion is the proper form of baptism, but were willing to set this as a requirement for membership in the constitution.

California and Kansas, however, continued their current constitutional restrictions against so-called "alien immersion," that is, accepting baptism by immersion by a church of some other denomination.

Kansas rejected by a better than two-to-one margin a complete new constitution which would have eliminated the current restrictions denying membership to churches which practice alien immersion, open communion or have ties with ecumenical organizations. Kansas also defeated a move to define these terms in the current constitution.

The question was left unresolved for the fourth straight year in California, where messengers rejected three proposed constitution amendments designed to clarify the constitutional meaning of "alien immersion." The issue will be carried over until next year's session.

Indiana Baptists also rejected a constitutional amendment which would have deleted a phrase that a church must be a cooperating member in good standing with a district association to send messengers to the state body. There was no reference to the baptism question, except an oblique reference in debate that the local association is in better position to judge a church's doctrinal stance than the state convention.

A doctrinal question came up briefly at the Ohio convention, but a motion to oppose sale and distribution of the Broadman Bible Commentary published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was quickly tabled. Later the convention did reaffirm "our continuing faith in the fall-

ability of the Bible as the Word of God as outlined in the Baptist Faith and Message," but there was no reported connection between the two actions.

New Mexico Baptists also reaffirmed the Baptist Faith and Message Statement, pointing out "the distinctive plank in the Baptist platform"—the capability of every believer to interpret scripture for himself as led by the Holy Spirit.

Mild debate was sparked in Florida and Louisiana over proposals to establish a pastor - church relations service to provide counseling to ministers, and information to churches seeking staff members. Some argued that such a service would interfere with the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Both Florida, Louisiana and Kentucky, however, approved the proposals by a strong majority to establish the information and counseling services. The Alabama Executive Board reported its plans to initiate such a program, but no convention action was needed or taken.

Information To Be Supplied

Under such programs, already operating in five other states, biographical information would be supplied, with comment or recommendation, to churches seeking staff personnel on pastors, or other staff members, who authorize the convention to supply such information. Some counseling would be available also to ministers and church staff members who face personal problems from pressures of the ministry.

Unlike several previous years, no state convention in 1972 voted to sever ties with a Baptist school or hospital, permitting them to operate as separate self-supporting institutions.

Tennessee Baptists rejected a proposal to close down Harrison - Chickasaw Baptist Academy in Seymour, Tenn.; Georgia Baptists agreed without debate to the merger of Atlanta Baptist College and Mercer University; North Carolina approved a six-point plan outlining relationships with its hospital in Winston - Salem; and Florida Baptists authorized their Executive Board to deal with a plan to sell its childrens home property and create instead two smaller homes for children.

Mississippi Baptists approved a fund campaign to rebuild a state assembly destroyed by Hurricane Camille, and rejected a proposal that would have made the vice president a president-elect to become president the following year. A similar proposal will likely come before the Southern Baptist Convention in its national sessions next June.

Restructure studies or proposals were authorized or approved in the Michigan, Illinois, Louisiana, and Northwest conventions, but none were considered as drastic as several reorganization programs approved several years ago by numerous other conventions.

About six state conventions voted to increase the percentage of their allocations going to world missions through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program.

West Virginia, Northwest, and Illinois conventions jumped the percentage by one per cent; while Colorado and Michigan increased it one-half of one per cent. Kentucky Baptists amended their budget to provide almost one-third of any surplus received to SBC causes, rather than all overages going to capital needs as first recommended.

It was also the year of the woman vice president. Three conventions, Ala-

bama, Virginia, and Florida, elected women as vice presidents. For the first time, a woman presided over the District of Columbia Convention as president this year.

Indiana Baptists however, defeated a motion to withhold any financial aid to the New York convention because an association in the state had accepted a church with a woman pastor as a member church. Georgia, likewise, declined to adopt a resolution opposing ordination of woman as deacons or pastors, reaffirming that "such matters must be left to the local church."

Resolutions in 14 states upheld separation of church and state, and opposed any tax funds going to parochial schools. In Virginia, the hottest debate came on a recommendation also opposed the so-called "T & A Policy Review Act of 1972" proposed by Rep. Wilbur Mills and Sen. Mike Mansfield, which would end tax exemptions and deductions for gifts to churches.

The Virginia convention was described as "one of the most tranquil sessions in its 149 year history." Perhaps that same description could apply to almost all of the 32 state Baptist bodies which met from Oct. 21 through Nov. 22.

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EDITORIAL

"The World's Largest Christmas Gift"

"The world's largest Christmas gift." Those were the words I read in the feature article on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which is published elsewhere in this issue of the Record.

A thrill ran through my heart, and thanksgiving filled my soul as I pondered the words. What an amazing and challenging statement concerning something which Southern Baptists do!

Just a few days ago I thumbed through a Christmas catalog from the famed Neiman-Marcus store in Dallas. I simply was overwhelmed at some of the gifts they are offering, and at the fabulous prices which are being asked for some of those gifts. Yet, I realized that those prices, as amazing as some of them are, are small change when compared with the tremendous Christmas gift which Southern Baptists join together in giving to the Lord at this blessed season.

Eighteen million dollars in one Christmas package for the Lord and His world mission work! One million dollars from Mississippi Baptists! What a joy and what a thrill to be able to have part in such a gift!

This matchless Christmas gift is not only almost beyond comparison in its size, but also in its meaning. This gift means missions, and missions means ministry for Christ around the world. When one looks at the list of places where this year's Christmas offering will be used, he realizes that it truly is a gift to the whole world. In multitudes of countries around the earth these dollars will be used to advance the cause of Christ, and to strengthen missionary witness.

I have seen some of the uses made of Lottie Moon Offering funds of past years.

NEWEST BOOKS

GALATIANS, An Interpretative Translation by John F. Carter (Published by the Author, 508 Scanlon St., Newton, Miss., 33435; 63 pages, mimeographed, paper cover, \$1.50) Those who are preparing to teach and study the book of Galatians in the Southern Baptist promotion January Bible study, set for January, 1973, will have an unusually rich supply of resource material. Now comes this new volume by one of Mississippi's most beloved and most able Bible teachers, Dr. John F. Carter of Clarke College. This volume includes the author's own translation from the Greek which appears side by side with the King James version. This is on the left hand page, and includes an outline of the book. On the opposite (right hand) page is found verse by verse notes, and many special emphases and studies. These give a careful analysis and interpretation of every verse. The opening chapter presents introductory material concerning the Galatians themselves, the church, the problem with which Paul was dealing, the date and place of the letter, and an analysis of Paul's gospel. At the end of the book the author presents special studies of the word "First" in Galatians 4:13; the "encounter between Paul and Peter at Antioch; and Paul's use of the words "Flesh" and "Spirit." This is a most helpful volume and is worthy not only for use in the coming Bible study, but also for permanent use as a commentary volume.

CHRISTMAS — AN AMERICAN ANNUAL OF CHRISTMAS LITERATURE AND ART Volume 42, Edited by R. E. Haugan (Augsburg, 68 pp., 10¢ by 13 3/16, Paper, in envelope, \$1.95; deluxe cloth, \$3.95) A very beautiful Christmas annual with scripture, prose, poetry and music. Full color paintings, drawings and photographs. Two special features in this volume present Christmas, 75 years Ago and an article on The Toys of Christmas which tells in picture and story of the Christmas toys of days gone by. Another very special feature is the Christmas Gospel illustrated with beautiful full color oriental paintings. You will love this volume as an unusual presentation of the Christmas story.

VICTORIAN

THE PEOPLE OF WHEELBARROW LANE by William G. Sewell (A. S. Barnes & Co., Inc., 200 pp., \$6.95) **I STAYED IN CHINA** by William G. Sewell (A. S. Barnes & Co., 221 pp., \$2.95) Fascinating reports on life in China, written by a man who spent most of his working life in teaching chemistry in a private university in west China. "The People of Wheelbarrow Lane" is set in the years between 1926 and the fall of Hong Kong in 1941 and, thus, embraces a period when China was shaken by Japanese aggression and by Civil War. Its format is that of the story of mixed marriage and life in a Chinese community. "I Stayed In China" is the record of observations during the crucial years, 1947-52 giving the background of China of today and telling why and how the people turned to Mao. The author witnessed a great revolutionary upheaval and tremendous change through the eyes of Chinese students and colleges. These are fascinating stories of life in a land about which most of us have very little knowledge.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT, ANYWAY by Okke Jager (Judson, 191 pp., \$6.50) Translation of a book originally written in German, deals with the statement from the Lord's Prayer, "Thou will be done." The author discusses what the will of God is, how we know it, how we can truly say, Thou will be done. Questions which are asked include: Does God will sin? Does God want suffer-

In Italy I stood beside a pastor in a Baptist church building standing in the midst of a vast slum area in a great city, and when I complimented the pastor on providing such a building for ministry in the area, he said, "You Southern Baptists built this building through the Lottie Moon offering."

In Ecuador I preached on the opening Sunday night in a new bamboo Baptist chapel building, in the suburbs of the largest city, Guayaquil, and was told that I was preaching to people who never before had seen a Bible or heard a sermon. There never before had been an evangelical witness in that area of that great city. And I knew that the Lottie Moon Offering had made possible the erection of that building.

In Santiago, Chile, I visited the seminary where young men and women are being trained for leadership in Baptist work in that nation, and learned that some of the ministry there had been made possible by Southern Baptists' great Christmas offering.

In Tarlac City in the Philippines, I was guest in the pastor's home at First Baptist Church, and stayed in the little residence which had been built with the Lottie Moon offering. It was not an outstanding house, by American standards, but provided shelter for this dedicated pastor and his family. All of that same week I preached in a church in the suburbs of that city, where the people gathered each evening in a church building that had been erected with Lottie Moon Offering funds.

One week before I had preached in a tiny concrete block, tin roofed, church building in one of the barrios (farm villages) amidst the rice paddy area of central Luzon and was told that it was there because Southern Baptists

make a great love gift at Christmas time.

Part of the time during the Philippine visit I worked with one of our foreign missionaries, and spent several nights in a missionary home built with Lottie Moon funds, and rode up and down the mountains and to visit several preaching points, in an old station wagon that had been purchased with the same funds. (In this case a new station wagon soon would have to be purchased, for this one already had gone beyond the call of duty in missionary service.) The missionary also taught in a seminary provided by this same offering.

These are just a few examples of what I personally have seen of the way this great missionary offering is used. In Hong Kong, in Taiwan, in Japan, in Europe, in Israel, and in Central and South America, I have seen the fruit of the Lottie Moon Offering and of the Cooperative Program.

No wonder, then, that my heart beats a little faster as I think of participation in this great Christmas offering.

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I also pray that Mississippi Baptists will go beyond the goal of One Million dollars and that Southern Baptists will go beyond the **Eighteen Million dollars**.

It will be the best Christmas giving that any of us will do this year!

months after it was published the printings had reached 500,000 copies. There is no announcement as to whether there is an edition with a better binding. However, this one is designed that it should stand a lot of hard usage. We recommend this as an edition of the Living Bible which will appeal to young people, even to those who never have had much interest in the Bible.

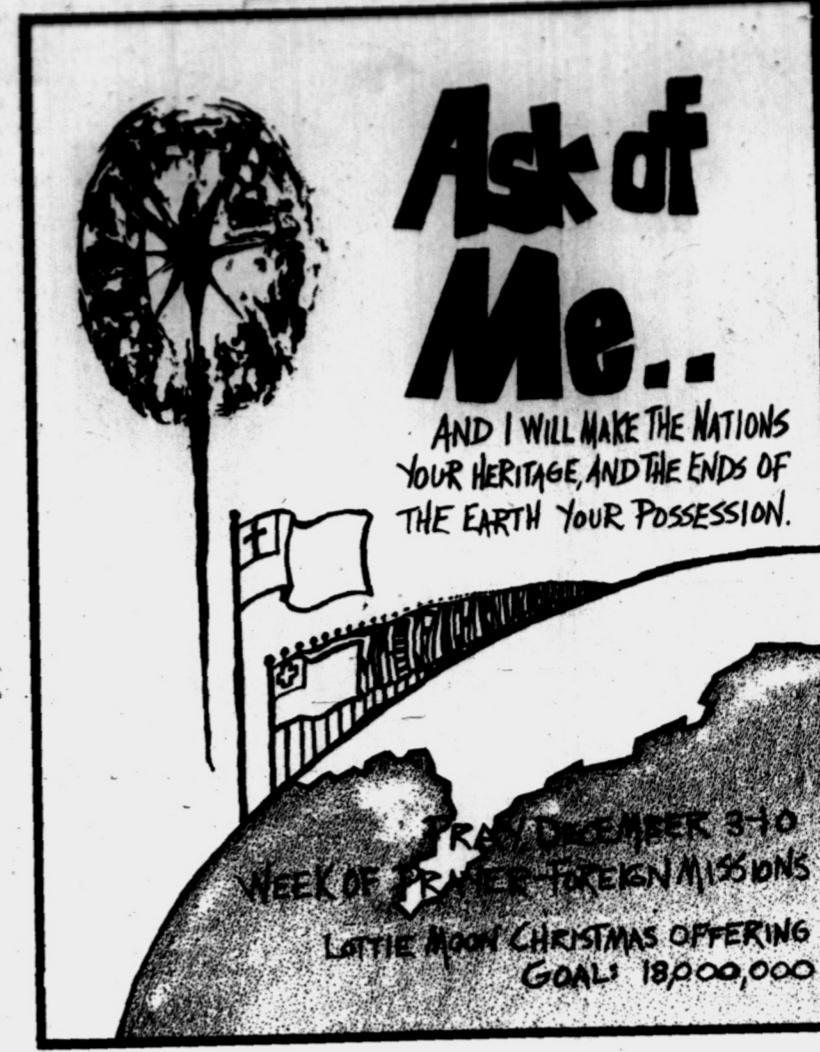
THE FORTUNE SELLERS by Gary A. Wilburn (Regal, 223 pp., paperback, pocket book, \$1.25) A study of the occult and other related subjects. This is an up-to-date study of the modern witchcraft which disturbs our modern world. A fresh and readable approach from a scriptural point of view. The author shows that Christians do not need to be taken in by these modern occult practitioners.

TOLERANCE AND TRUTH IN RELIGION by Gustav Meeschling, translated by Hans J. Klimkeit (University of Alabama Press, 207 pp., \$8.00) The English translation of a book on tolerance and intolerance in religion, first published in the German language, shows that it is the universal rule in religion that the claim of absoluteness is found based upon the conviction that one's own religion community is the soul possessor of truth.

AN ANTIQUE DRUM by Thomas Howard, (Lippincott, 158 pp., \$5.95) A philosophical look at modern life and living. The author's views are those of an intellectual and he probes deeply into the reasons for some of our modern manners of living.

THE REAL CHRISTMAS by Pat Boone (Revell, 63 pp., \$2.95) Delightful spirit filled essays by one of America's best known young Christians, about Christmas and its experiences. In these pages the author talks about the events of Christmas that relate to individuals. It is not a "how" book, but a book which searches out the meaning of the Christmas experience. It should prepare Christians for having a more delightful Christmas experience in which its richest meanings will invade the soul.

THE QUEST'S FOR NOAH'S ARK by John Warwick Montgomery (Bethany Fellowship, 335 pp., \$6.95) Is the ark of Noah still resting near the top of Mt. Ararat? Through the centuries many people have believed that it still is there, and in recent years much effort has gone into the search for it. If it should be found, it will be one of the most earth shaking discoveries of history, since it will be a direct answer to those skeptics who through the centuries have denied the fact of the Genesis story of a flood and have looked upon it only as fable. Dr. Montgomery is one of the outstanding scholars of our day and teachers in Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois. However, he also serves as visiting professor at some other institutions, is widely used as a theological speaker and is the author of many books. In this volume he has assembled scholarly materials from the centuries, dealing with the belief that the ark still is on Mt. Ararat. Included is much of the material of recent years, including a report on Dr. Montgomery's trip to the top of Mt. Ararat in 1970. Because of political tensions between Turkey and Russia, Dr. Montgomery and his party were not allowed to go up the side of the mountain where the ark is said to be resting, but he hopes to go there on a return trip in the near future. Numerous individuals in this century have scaled the mountain and reported that there is a large object like a ship in the ice near the mountain top. Nevertheless, until this time various problems have prevented an actual scientific proof that the remains of Noah's boat still are there. As one reads the book, he can make his own decision as to whether the explorers finally will make this discovery within the next few years. Dr. Montgomery says that he has the "ark fever," and believes that his chances are excellent to go up the north face of the mountain (the side where the ark is said to be located) on his next trip. If a trusted scholar such as Dr. Montgomery should find the remains of the old vessel, the whole Bible world will have to accept his findings. This book is a thorough study of the whole problem. Dr. Montgomery says that even if the ark turned up, it would not convert all men, nor change their view of the Bible. Nevertheless, it would be difficult for them to devalue the significance of the recovery. He adds that the most radical Biblical criticism since the onset of modern rationalism in the 18th century has been directed against the book of Genesis and particularly against its allegedly mythical early chapters. Such a find certainly would devalue and discredit the liberal approach to Biblical interpretation. Dr. Montgomery closes with these words: "We couldn't stand the strain of Ararat if the winds of unbelief and the authority of God's Holy Word didn't impel us to do all that is possible to confirm its entire trustworthiness."



On The MORAL SCENE...

TENSION TERMED A MAJOR CAUSE OF EARLY DEATHS

The Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers heard a plea from an anthropologist to let boys cry so they won't die so young. Dr. Ethel J. Alpenfels, professor of educational anthropology at New York University said that American culture is full of conflicts and . . . it is up to the home and family to develop proper attitudes in children because the schools have them for only a total of 11 months during a child's first 11 years. American men die at an earlier age than women and, Dr. Alpenfels said, current studies seem to show that repressed emotions are the killers. In the American society, crying is regarded as a feminine emotion and is unacceptable behavior for men, she observed. She cited the occasion of a mother's reply to her crying son who had just skinned his knee: "Now don't cry or mom won't love you anymore." Until now, she said, a man's masculinity has been measured by his job title. He is more of a man if he is head of a department, she said. (Richmond Times-Dispatch, October 19, 1972)

NEW PERMISSIVENESS in radio threatens to become national trend. Stations in New York, Miami, Cleveland, Toledo, Kansas City, Topeka begin programs similar to "Feminine Forum" on KGBS, Hollywood. It's first new wrinkle in radio since advent of all-news stations. New shows takes calls from women willing to discuss their love lives on the radio. Average caller is 24, married, has 2 children. Listening audience divides evenly between men and women. Program ranks first in ratings with 18-40 age group. Explains one psychiatrist, "It's a way to be distant and yet communicate, a way to combat loneliness when the husband is away and the kids are at school. Since it's done humorously, it decreases anxiety." (Source: "The Wall Street Journal")

Three new episodes in "The Human Dimension" series for television are being readied for an early 1973 release. John C. Stevens, writer and producer for the Radio and Television Commission, was in Munich and London in September to oversee the final production of two of the films on the fine arts, according to Truett Myers. The films on which Mr. Stevens will work include one based on the life and works of Fra Angelico, a Renaissance artist, and another exploring the life and works of the artist Raphael.

want your Black brother in Christ to become your brother-in-law? Let's open the Holy Book and see what it says. We are told in scores of scriptures that everything should reproduce "after its own kind."

I call on Christians to turn a deaf ear to these brotherhood preachers.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Weems

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(Mr. Weems' letter was much longer but this is the gist of it—Ed.)

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Agrees With "Evangelical Dilemma" Article

Dear Dr. Odle:

Thank you sincerely for printing the article, "The Evangelical Dilemma." It is a warning that needs heralding and what better place to say it than the Baptist Record?

How much "blood" will be required at the hands of Baptists because of shallow evangelism? The thought sends me to the mourners' bench.

Lee Burns

Biloxi, Ms.

Objects To Allen S. S. Lesson Position

This letter is to take issue with the pro-race mixing article by Clifton Allen that appeared recently in the Baptist Record. If Mr. Allen had just told us that all born again Christians were spiritual "brothers in Christ" and would meet in heaven after taking on "new bodies" and become a part of that "kingdom not of this world" where there would be no "giving and taking in marriage," I would not have a complaint. But no, Mr. Allen insists on expanding the "spiritual brotherhood" into a physical brotherhood.

From the tone of the article one is led to believe that segregation is wrong and we should be blind to the scientific facts of race. Is it really contrary to the Bible not to

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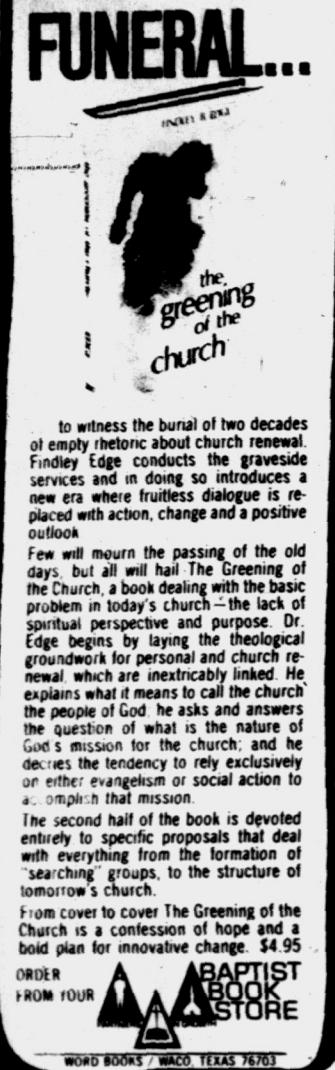
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Names In The News

Douglas Folk, pictured, is now minister of music at Eastside Church, Magee, where Rev. L. C. Newell, Jr. is pastor. Mr. Folk, a 27-year-old bachelor, is a native of Prentiss. He is a student in the School of Church Music at Mississippi College. At Eastside he has begun choir programs for children and has upgraded the youth and adult choir programs. He grew up in the Prentiss Church.



Lovisa Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price of Clinton, a Mississippi College sophomore, is the first recipient of the Maggie Belle Veazey Brian Scholarship Fund which was established earlier this year. Here she is pictured with Dr. Charles W. Scott, dean of students, as he explains the terms of the scholarship. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Jimmie Gibbs Irvin, of Cleveland, has been nominated to appear in the 1972 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. A native of Greenwood Springs, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie G. Irvin and employed by Travenol Laboratories as an administrative chemist. He received the B. S. degree from William Carey and was certified as a medical technologist that same year. He is an ordained Baptist minister, having held several pastorates in Alabama and Mississippi and is currently serving within Bolivar and Sunflower Associations as supply pastor. He was pastor of Parkview, Leland for two years, and has served the following as interim: Philipston, Greenwood; First, Shelby; Linn, Doddsville; First, Rosedale; and Interstate, Shaw, (currently). Jim and his wife, Sandra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irby Tanner of Mobile, Ala., have one child, two-year-old Christopher Gibbs Irvin.

Mrs. Ruble Cotheran, right, on Nov. 5 at Morgan City Church was recognized and presented a gift for her outstanding service and faithfulness in being church clerk for 8 yrs. Rev. Daniel Mobley, pastor, left, made the presentation.

Rev. Daniel Mobley accepted the pastorate of Morgan City Church several months ago. He was formerly pastor of Antioch Church, Pavo, Georgia and Friendship Church, Thomasville, Georgia. He served as association camp manager and director for Thomas County Baptist Association in Thomasville and at the Bethel Church in Bainbridge, Georgia. He has been in the ministry for 13 years. Rev. and Mrs. Mobley have two sons, "Bo," 15, and Danny, 17.

Dr. and Mrs. L. Byron Harbin, missionaries, may now be addressed at Suite 209B, Ageteca, Iguaú, 01000 São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil. He was born in Tuscaloosa County, Ala. Mrs. Harbin, the former Dora Dunkley, is a Mississippian.

Michelle Rogers, a senior at Mississippi College, and B.S.U. summer missionary to Israel will speak at Dixie Church, Hattiesburg, December 6 at 7 p.m., during the week of prayer Emphasis. Michelle and her family, the Paul R. Rogers of Salem Community, Collins, were active members of Dixie Church from 1958-1968. The Payton Myers, missionaries to Nigeria, will be guest speakers at both church services Sunday, December 10 at Dixie Church, Rev. Marcus Smith, pastor.



Rev. and Mrs. James L. Terpold have been given a tour of the Holy Land and other Bible Lands by Calvary Church, Greenwood. The tour comes at the end of more than four years for this pastor and his ministry at Calvary. On December 15, he begins a new work with the Canaan Church, Bessemer, Alabama. Calvary has experienced noted growth under his leadership. Total giving has increased by forty-seven percent; there have been a total of 175 baptisms; a bus ministry has been added; and a Children's Church has been used effectively since October 1. This couple has two sons, Darrell 15, who recently received a 10-year perfect attendance pin, and Duane, a ten-year-old.

Cooper Speaks At Copiah "M" Night

"M" Night in Copiah Association was held Monday night, Nov. 27, at First Church, Hazlehurst.

Open Cooper of Yazoo City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and vice president of the Baptist World Alliance, was featured speaker, on the "M" Night theme, "Train to Share His Word."

"Train to Share His Word," a fifteen minute dramatic presentation was the feature of this year's "M"

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When Temptation Strikes, How Can One Overcome It?

Gen. 39:1-20

By Bill Duncan

When does temptation become a sin? Where is the line that separates the deed from the desire?

A four-year-old girl whom we shall call Betty is riding her tricycle in the backyard, when out of the corner of her eye she sees her mother come outside with a wastebasket. Betty watches as her mother empties the basket, strikes a match to the papers, and returns inside.

At first, Betty pays only casual attention. But in a matter of minutes, she leaves her tricycle to stand by the fire. Then she wonders what might happen if she adds leaves and twigs and trash to the fire.

Soon she is scampering around the yard picking up anything that will burn. The flames leap higher.

Next, Betty imagines what might happen if she poked the fire, which she immediately proceeds to do. My, how the sparks fly, higher and higher!

The example of Joseph's purity can be shown to all people concerning moral conduct. At the moment when everything was going his way, temptation presented to him an attractive lurement. Many of our young people are faced with the same situation. Some would say that they were trapped by circumstances, but they all must make the decisions themselves.

She is caught up in a frenzy of making the bonfire bigger and bigger. Suddenly, a spark ignites her dress and she runs screaming toward her mother, a burning torch. Fortunately, Betty's mother throws her to the ground and wraps her in a rug, squelching the flames and saving her life.

For the sake of speculation, when did Betty's dress catch on fire? Had you stood there with a stopwatch, you could have determined the fraction of a second. But potentially, her dress was on fire when she left her tricycle and started toward the fire.

Temptation evolves into sin when desire is translated into action, when we move toward the object of our desire, waiting only for the proper moment.

The example of Joseph's purity can be shown to all people concerning moral conduct. At the moment when everything was going his way, temptation presented to him an attractive lurement. Many of our young people are faced with the same situation. Some would say that they were trapped by circumstances, but they all must make the decisions themselves.

The answer of Joseph as to why he did not yield to the temptation was, "How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" Too few see an act of immorality as against God. They may think of other humans, like family, but too few think of God. All sin is first against God and then against other persons.

Have you heard of the Teen-age Modesty Crusade? This crusade was started by a group of high school girls in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1948. Catholic-sponsored "modesty crusades" chapters operate today in every U.S. state. The late Cardinal Meyer of Chicago has supported the crusade enthusiastically. He called the crusaders "teenagers who are unwilling to sit idly by while the evil spirit of immodesty goes about brazenly seeking whom it may devour." We need more positive approaches to life to give our people strength to live effective lives.

Dr. Florence Clotheir of Vassar College, who is a physician, spoke to the American Orthopsychiatric Association, and said that sexual impurity threatens the destruction of the family. "Sex is presented to children as

glamour, passion, or sentimental romance, not as part of a warm and fulfilling love relationship to be respected, gently nurtured and developed," she said.

We have taught teens that a girl must be beautiful, glamorous, mysterious, sophisticated, and compliant... and that a boy must be devil-may-care who drinks and is very potent and masculine. Perhaps, as a reaction to this artificial mass-media stereotype, youth in its confusion has developed an almost morbid search for identity. In a sex-saturated society, youth finds itself starved for

One may say that Biblical morality may be outdated but it did provide controls which allowed young people more time to grow up and prepare themselves for adult life and experiences. In the life of a Christian one may have more fun and happiness because of the end results of a normal Christian life. Too many learn too late that it pays to live according to Christian teaching.

Joseph is one of the few examples of successful young men who were able to overcome temptation. He must have been a successful person

in business. Everything that Potiphar had was turned over to him. People like Potiphar who looked at Joseph saw that "God was with him." Prosperity was the way of life for Joseph. This is a greater temptation than want any time. But prosperity is perilous. It breeds greed and self-importance.

How did Joseph overcome temptation? He ran from it. Many people think they can overcome temptation in their own strength, so they attempt to fight it. Is it wrong to run from a situation? Only if the tempter is stronger than you are.

Why did Joseph suffer if he did right? It was not his fault that a lie was told. The devil thought that this would destroy God's useful servant. It may also have been a way for God to put Joseph into the king's palace. God might have known who would be his friend in the end. Joseph did not feel that he was forsaken. The Lord was with him.

What should you do when you are tempted? Jesus taught us to claim God's word and promise as guide during temptation. As long as we follow the example of the Lord, we will overcome the world.



Sears Grant To Carey

Dr. J. Ralph Noonester, left, president of William Carey College, poses above as he accepts a check for \$2,000 from W. F. Jordan, on behalf of the Sears, Roebuck Foundation. Jordan is manager of the Hattiesburg Sears store.

S. 28th Avenue Calls Pastor

Rev. Jim Nunnelee will assume duties as pastor of South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg November 26.

Nunnelee has been pastor of Center Ridge (Yazoo) since 1968. His other pastorates have included: Endville, (Pontotoc); Wallerville (Union County) and Bellevue (Lamar).

He has served as a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board during 1972, as moderator of the Yazoo Association in 1969 and 1970, as president and program chairman of the associational pastor's conference, and as associational director of Sunday School, Training Union and Vacation Bible School.

A native of Pontotoc County, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Edith Leah Taylor of Grenada. They are the parents of three sons.

Mrs. Nunnelee is also active in church-related service, having served in associational work, as minister of youth, music and education at several churches, and as an instructor in sign language classes. She has taught in the public schools of New Orleans and Yazoo City.

Revival Dates

Unity, Pascagoula: December 3-8; services nightly at 7; Rex Yancey, evangelist; Harold Watkins, music director; Rev. Curtis I. Miller, pastor.

Sunday School Lesson: International

Studies From Jeremiah And His Times

By Clifton J. Allen

2 Chronicles 36; Jeremiah 1; 26

This lesson is the first in a course of study on "Prophets of Judgment and Hope." We are to have selected studies from Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Zachariah, and Haggai. The first six lessons are from Jeremiah. His prophetic ministry, beginning in 626 B.C. and continuing until after 586 B.C., was in the midst of national crises affecting not only Judah but also Assyria, Babylon, and Egypt. The mission of Jeremiah was to declare God's message to a faithless nation which had broken its covenant relationship with God and which was facing certain destruction and captivity. Along with the necessary judgment, he proclaimed sure hope through the sovereign purpose of God for his people and the new covenant of grace and forgiveness in the hearts of men.

The Lesson Explained

CRISIS IN ISRAEL

The opening verses of Jeremiah identify him as a priest of Anathoth, a small village a few miles from Jerusalem. His prophetic career began with the thirteenth year in the reign of Josiah and continued until the Babylonian captivity. In 621 B.C. when the Book of Law was found in connection with cleaning up and repairing the Temple, Josiah instituted sweeping reforms trying to rid the land of idolatry, establish justice, and revise the worship of the true God. Josiah was killed in a battle with the Egyptians and Megiddo in 609 B.C. Soon Nebuchadnezzar defeated the Egyptians at Carchemish (605 B.C.), and thereafter Judah was a vassal of Babylon. Jeremiah encouraged submission to Babylon, knowing that God had chosen Babylon as the agent of God's judgment upon Judah, and knowing that resistance would bring greater calamity and suffering. But in spite of constant hazard to his life, Jeremiah endured through his confidence in the Lord.

CALLED TO BE A PROPHET

(1:4-10)

Jeremiah's call came in 626 B.C. He declares a personal and direct encounter with the Lord: "The word of the Lord came unto me." From before his birth he was chosen by the Lord and ordained or appointed to be a prophet to the nations. The thought overwhelmed him. He felt his inadequacy, his lack of experience and influence: "I cannot speak: for I am a child." The response of the Lord, however, brought both reassurance and dismay. First, the Lord assured Jeremiah that he would be made equal to his mission. Jeremiah's prophetic role and the divine wisdom and strength needed for that mission were symbolized by the Lord's touching his mouth and then adding that he had put his words in the mouth of Jeremiah. Second, there was occasion for dismay. Jeremiah faced the staggering responsibility related to God's judgment upon Judah, and knowing that resistance would bring greater calamity and suffering. But in spite of constant hazard to his life, Jeremiah endured through his confidence in the Lord.

declare irrevocable judgment, but he would also declare God's certain control in history by which he would carry forward his purpose for his covenant people.

HIS LIFE ON THE LINE (26:12-15)

Chapter 26 is largely parallel with chapter 7, a ringing indictment of the people for unacceptable worship. They were willing to steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and go after other gods (Jer. 7:8). Jeremiah warned the people that God would no longer tolerate their waywardness and wickedness. He would destroy the Temple, as Shiloh had been destroyed previously, and he would make the city of Jerusalem a curse before the nations. Jeremiah's sermon so angered the priests and prophets and all the people that they wanted to kill him. Actually, Jeremiah was arrested and brought before the princes for trial. He challenged his accusers and the princes and the people to repent of their wickedness and obey the Lord that the city might be delivered from destruction. He warned them that if

they should put him to death they would bring his blood upon the city and its inhabitants and even greater condemnation upon themselves through the judgment of the Lord. Jeremiah's lot became harder and harder. The people stubbornly refused to hear and continued to cry out for the prophet's life.

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Devotional

What God Has Joined

By B. F. Smith, professor emeritus, William Carey College
What therefore God hath joined, let not man put asunder (Matthew 19:6).

The pillow covers in the O. Henry home in Austin, Texas are embroidered these words: "I slept and dreamed that life was beauty; I awoke and found that life was duty." The poet quoted had learned that some things just naturally go together. Our text suggests husbands and wives, for Jesus was speaking of marriage. But this is only one application of a most meaningful concept.

The Psalmist mentions two of many such divine pairings: "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (85:10). Because God "knows eth our frame; . . . that we are dust (Psalm 103:14), he shows mercy to us. If world statesmen knew that peace can rest securely only on righteousness, would not the goal they claim to pursue be less elusive? Jesus wept over a Jerusalem that had forgotten "the things that belong to thy peace" (Luke 19:42).

Among other values divinely joined are privilege and responsibility. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48). A thoughtless person may boast of some real or imagined advantage he was by reason of intelligence, religion, race, or inheritance. Such advantage, if real, means that God will require him to carry a heavier share of life's burdens than his disadvantaged brother.

Faith and works go together, for "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). So do sin and death. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), and only as we let Christ forgive the one can we escape the other. Also related are confession and forgiveness. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us . . . and to cleanse us" (1 John 1:9). Neither can we separate service and true greatness. "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matthew 20:27).

We mention one other set of heaven's partners: faith, or faithfulness, and victory. These three Scriptures support this theme: Matthew 10:22, Revelation 2:10, and 1 John 5:4. "He that endureth (the word means 'remain under') to the end shall be saved." "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Jesus sent this promise to the church at Smyrna, but it is not for all who will claim it? Finally, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

We can score in life's game to the extent that we do not try to separate in experience "what God hath joined" in his inspired book.



First, Nicholson, Has Acquired A Smiling "New Member"

The newest member of Nicholson, First Church has a big red and white smile, and it should keep smiling for many miles. It's a bus. A hard earned bus, presented to the church by the youth following a two month fund raising drive. The vehicle was purchased for the church by mowing grass, raking yards, washing cars, and anything else that anyone would hire the youth to do. Good-willed adult members chipped in more than \$1000 toward

the purchase price during a church auction the latter part of October. To be used for all church activities, the bus title was presented to Bus Captain Joe Seal by chairman of the youth committee, Terry Frierson. Pastor Jerry W. Stevens reports that the church has received forty-four additions to the church since the middle of August. Doyle Cooper is director of Music and Youth.

Attention, Music Directors

Final Announcement About "Celebrate Life" At Youth Convention On December 28

Several hundred youth choir members are already committed to sing in the musical, "Celebrate Life" on Thursday, December 28, City Auditorium, Jackson. The performance is at 9:00 p.m., but the mass choir rehearsal is at 4:30 p.m. The musical will be sung from memory. "Celebrate Life" is one of the most popular musicals Broadman Press has ever produced.

There is still space for two or three more youth choirs to sing "Celebrate Life" with the mass choir on Thursday night. The deadline to register a choir is Monday, December 11. Please phone or write Larry Black, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Jackson (music coordinator for the convention), or the Church Music Department, Baptist Building, P. O. Box 530, Jackson. The music must be memorized.

Outreach Singing Groups, Youth Convention

Folk Singing Groups desiring to participate in the outreach phase of the Youth Convention, December 28-29, Jackson, should send a picture and tape of a selection to Larry Black, First Baptist Church, Jackson, by December 11. Groups will be notified immediately of acceptance or rejection.

Ten Folk Groups will participate in outreach singing. At this writing several more groups are needed for consideration.

A person pays twice for cigarettes. Once when he gets them and second when they get him.

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Animated Scenes At McRae's Depict Story Of Christmas

By PATRICE EDWARDS
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

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"Just the same," chided Noah's wife, "I'd feel safer if those termites were locked up in a metal box."

Every time you lend money to a friend you damage his memory.



These animated figures represent the three wise men of Biblical times bearing gifts to the Christ Child as part of the elaborate Christmas presentation found on the third floor of McRae's downtown, Jackson.

Dr. Grant To Speak, Warren "M Night"

Plans are developing for M-Night program at First Church, Vicksburg 7 p.m. on December 4. Dr. David Grant, pastor, Broadmoor Church Jackson, and president, Miss. Baptist Convention, will be guest speaker.

The theme this year is "Train to Share His Word". Suggested goal for Warren County is 75% of last year's average Training Union attendance. This will give a goal of 700 in attendance this year.

The church with the highest attendance and highest percentage of enrollment present will receive recognition, according to W. C. Blanton, superintendent of missions.

Friendship To Hear Dr. John L. Taylor

To begin the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, McComb, and a member of the Foreign Mission Board, will speak at the evening worship hour on December 3 at Friendship Church, McComb.

The Baptist Women will have charge of the Mid-Week Prayer Service on December 6. A goal of \$1000 has been set for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA — During the recent nationwide observation of Bible Week, young people of University Baptist Church here sold 300 New Testaments at the doors of the nearby Catholic cathedral. The national Baptist young people's choir sang in San Jose's Central Park.



Johnston Station Church near Summit has completed a new \$25,000 pastor's home this year. It is pictured above beside the church's beautiful sanctuary and education building. (Photo by H. D. Stockton, Jr.)

Pastor Says Success Lies In Prayer Life Of The Church

By Eddie King, Pastor, Johnston Station Church

(Note: Johnston Station Church, Route 4, Summit, has this year completed a new pastor's home. The pastor writes here of the church's unusual record of growth.)

First let me give a little background of the work here which I think would be of interest to any small church in a small community with seeming limited possibilities. Johnston Station is one of the small churches in Pike County. When my family and I came here seven years ago, they had been without a pastor for a number of weeks and the enrollment in all phases of the church work was quite low. The only direction, to go was up, and this we feel we have done in these seven years. Sunday school was in the forties, Church Training was quite low; very few attended mid-week services; and there was no music program. Of course, all of this reflected in the financial status of the church, which was extremely low. The sanctuary had been torn away, but there was a very small frame pastor's home and a nice block educational building.

For a man who had been minister of music - education at a church the size of East McComb Church, this looked like a bleak outlook for growth. The people here, though, had a will to work and a willingness to follow. Now, seven years later, we realize what the Lord can do in a situation such as this. During this time, we have had 167 additions to the church; our finances have more than tripled.

ed; we have exceptional Sunday school, Church Training, music and recreational programs; and we are still growing.

Billy E. Stenson, our Sunday School Superintendent, is one of the finest. Last year the Sunday school had the best year of its history. In October, we had more than an average of nine, this also being a first in the Sunday school's history. Twenty-three percent of our Sunday school enrollment had perfect attendance.

Church Training has experienced the same type of growth. T. G. Cobb is director of this program, which runs an average of about seventy.

Our music program is probably one of the best in the state, for a church its size. We have three outstanding choirs. In all of our choirs, the number of male voices outnumber the female voices. Our men's choir and girls' trio have sung for the State Evangelistic Conference.

Pictured above is our beautiful sanctuary, educational building and pastor's home. Our pastor's home was recently completed at the cost of approximately \$35,000. We have been in the new pastor's home less than a year, and our total indebtedness is now only approximately \$12,000. The church is now doing more in the fields of missions than it has ever done, not only in the amount, but in proportion to its receipts.

If I had to sum up the underlying success of the work here, I would have to say it was in the prayer life of the church. We seldom have less than sixty for prayer meeting on Wednesday night, and we go as high as ninety. The rotating system of deacons has been installed. We also have an outstanding recreational program, summer and winter, under the direction of Johnny Williams, one of our young men.

First, Sumner To Celebrate Centennial

First Church, Sumner, is planning a centennial celebration for December 3.

The morning service will begin at 11 with Dr. H. R. Herrington of Rayville, La. as the featured speaker. A reception honoring former pastors will be held from 2-4 p.m. The evening service will begin at 5 p.m., with Rev. Rolfe W. Dorsey of Greenville as the featured speaker.

All members are urged to be present, and all former members and former pastors are invited to attend, according to the pastor, Rev. Charles M. Bagwell.

Off The Record

Theater usher: "Is there a Mr. and Mrs. Perkins in the house? Your babysitter wants to know where you keep the fire extinguisher."

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Grocer: "Yes, Madam."

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A boy who was home from college was telling his father a little about the wonders of science. "Why," he said, "any good astronomer can tell us almost exactly where any star in the heavens will be at midnight."

"That may be," replied the experienced dad, "but I'll bet he can't tell where his teenage son is at that hour."

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